Central Governments interference to solve Public Transport System in Delhi

4577. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports published on 8th July, 1998 indicating that D.T.C. buses in Delhi will soon emerge as new terror on road;

(b) whether these reports also included that D.T.C. buses are not road-worthy because these have been put into service to meet shortage caused by phasing out Blue Line buses in Delhi from 15th June, 1998;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to intervene to solve Public transport system of Delhi which collapsed due to inefficient handling of situation created from 16th June, 1998; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Cargo handling capacity of Major Ports

4578. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of the Indian major ports for handling cargo;

(b) the actual cargo handled by these ports during 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(c) the measures being taken to develop port infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The aggregate cargo handling capacity of the Major Ports is 217 Million Tonnes at present.

(b) The actual cargo handled by the Major Ports during 1996-97 and 1997-98 was 227.3 million tonnes and 251.5 million tonnes respectively.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 7215 crores has been provided during the IX Five Year Plan for augmenting the Port capacity which will include creation of new facilities and also modernisation of the existing equipment at the Ports.

देश के सभी नगरों से राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को जोड़ना

4579. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने वर्ष 2000 तक प्रत्येक राज्य के नगरों को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग उपलब्ध कराने के लिए कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी कार्य-योजना क्या है और अब तक हुई प्रगति का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या वर्ष 2000 तक उपर्युक्त निर्धारित लक्ष्य प्राप्त कर लिए जाने की संभावना है और इस उद्देश्य के लिए अपेक्षित संसाधन जुटा लिए गये हैं; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० देवेन्द्र प्रधान): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Funds for removal of Defficiencies in National Highways

4580. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at 1996 prices, Rs. 74,500 crores will be required to remove the deficiencies in our National Highways; and

(b) if so, in what way Government plan to raise these resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to budgetary constraint, the Govt. is encouraging development and maintenance of National Highways on

Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis with private sector funds. As also the recent budget provides for a cess of Re. 1/- per litre of petrol, the accruals therefrom would be made available to National Highways Authority of India for taking up development of National Highways.

Allocation of Funds from CRF to Orissa, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh

4581. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of States of Orissa, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh in the Central Road Fund during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the allotment has been commensurate to the requirement proposed by the State Governments;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider reviewing criteria for allotment to the States from the fund in view of developing the infrastructural need of the Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Central Road Fund (CRF) @ 3.5 paise per litre of petrol except non-aviation fuel exists. Where as the demands from the various States including Orissa, Gujarat & Madhya Pradesh have been more, the allocations have been restricted to the annual accruals based on actual consumption of petrol and are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of State	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Orissa	4.00	2.00	2.15
Gujarat	139.00	114.00	116.00
Madhya Pradesh	74.00	98.00	99.00

(d) The resolution passed by the two Houses of Parliament for augmenting the CRF in May, 1998 has not been implemented.

Winding up of Indian Road Construction Corporation

4582. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Road Construction Corporation which had already accumulates losses to the tune of Rs. 468 crores still continuing in existence despite the recommendation of high powered Committee of Secretaries several times for winding up of the Corporation; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when Government propose to wind up this lose incurring Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has yet to decide about winding up of the Indian Road Construction Corporation.

Travails of Travelling in NH-17

4583. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Kerala had sent a time bound action plan for reducing the travails of travel in NH-17; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of Kerala has proposed the following measures to reduce the problems on NH-17:—

(i) Construction of Road Over Bridges at Chorode, Pallikhara and Padanakkad.